

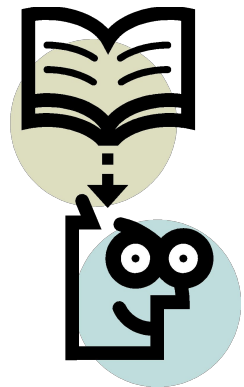
Wayne Hills High School  
School Counseling Department  
Presents:

# Coffee with Counselors

*What you need to know about college  
related standardized testing*

# College Related Standardized Testing

- \* **AP Exams**
- \* **When:** First two weeks of May
- \* **Who:** Any student enrolled in an Advanced Placement course is encouraged to take the exam (with the exception of AP US History I).
- \* AP registration is going on **NOW** (concludes on March 1st. See registration instructions on **"Total Registration"**.
- \* 2-3 hours long, given in school during school day.
- \* Cost is determined by College Board
- \* Scores are on a scale from 1-5. Students must check colleges individually for score index and availability for credit.



# College Related Standardized Testing

- \* **The PSAT**
- \* **Who:** Open to all sophomores & juniors.
- \* **When:** Offered once in October each year.
- \* Juniors have the chance to qualify for National Merit Scholarship recognition.
- \* Score reports come back in early December. Emailed directly to students.
- \* Scores range from 320-1520
- \* Given on a designated Saturday.
- \* Great opportunity to be exposed to what the SAT will be like (timing, format, types of questions, etc.)
- \* Colleges never see PSAT scores

# College Related Standardized Testing

## \* **The SATs**

- \* **Who:** Primarily Juniors (winter/spring) and Seniors (fall)
- \* **When:** Offered 7 times during the school year.
- \* Registration occurs by the student online. Students must make an account at **collegeboard.org** to register.
- \* SAT scores - highest possible total score is 1,600.
- \* Essay score maximum is 24.
- \* SAT with Essay (recommended) costs \$57.00.
- \* Many colleges consider the “super score.”
- \* Evidence Based Reading and Writing, Math and Essay.

# College Related Standardized Testing

- \* **The SAT Subject Tests (aka SAT II)**
- \* **Who:** Any grade level, but usually upperclassmen
- \* **When:** Offered 6 times per year (same dates as the SAT). (No Subject tests in March)(different tests are offered on specific days. Check college board for specific information).
- \* SAT subject tests are hour long, subject-specific exams. Students can take up to 3 exams on the same testing day.
- \* Cannot take SAT on the same day as subject tests.
- \* Most schools do not require SAT subject tests.
- \* Be strategic in the timing of taking the SAT subject test - try to take the test soon after completing the course!
- \* Currently costs \$26 for the registration fee, plus \$20 per test taken. Language test with listening (November only) is \$26.00.

# College Related Standardized Testing

## \* **The ACT**

- \* **Who:** Primarily Juniors (winter/spring) and Seniors (fall)
- \* **When:** Offered 6 times throughout the year
- \* Registration occurs by the student online. Students must make an account at **actstudent.org** to register.
- \* Can register to take the ACT with (\$56.50) or without (\$39.50) the optional writing section but the writing section is recommended.
- \* ACT scores – 1-36.
- \* Essay score maximum is 12
- \* English, math, reading, science, writing
- \* Many colleges consider “super score.”

ACT	VS.	SAT
<p><b>3 Hours</b></p> <p><b>English - 45 min</b></p> <p><b>Math - 60 min</b></p> <p><b>Reading - 35 min</b></p> <p><b>Science - 35 min</b></p>	<p><b>Test Format</b></p>	<p><b>2 Hours 55 Minutes</b></p> <p><b>Reading - 65 min</b></p> <p><b>Math (no calculator) - 25 min</b></p> <p><b>Math (calculator) - 55 min</b></p> <p><b>Writing - 35 min</b></p>
<p><b>Grammar &amp; usage, math, reading, science reasoning</b></p>	<p><b>Content Covered</b></p>	<p><b>Reading, relevant words in context, math, grammar &amp; usage</b></p>
<p><b>Difficult math and faster paced questions</b></p>	<p><b>Emphasis</b></p>	<p><b>More focus on multi-step problems and thinking through answers</b></p>

ACT	VS.	SAT
<p data-bbox="73 211 823 374">English, Math, Reading, and Science scores will each range between 1-36.</p> <p data-bbox="34 442 861 716">Composite ACT score is the average of your scores on the four sections; ranges between 1-36</p>	<p data-bbox="954 442 1116 488">Scoring</p>	<p data-bbox="1197 154 1908 425">Math and Evidence-Based Reading &amp; Writing are each scored on a scale of 200-800.</p> <p data-bbox="1197 499 1908 771">Composite SAT score is the sum of the two section scores and ranges from 400-1600.</p>
<p data-bbox="112 1093 784 1139">There is no penalty for guessing.</p>	<p data-bbox="954 979 1116 1253">Wrong Answer Penalty</p>	<p data-bbox="1213 1093 1889 1139">There is no penalty for guessing.</p>



ACT	VS.	SAT
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>6 times per year:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>February, April, June, September,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October, December</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Offered</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>When?</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>7 times per year:</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>March or April, May, June, August,</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>October, November, December</b></p>
<p><b>Pre-Algebra (20-25%)</b></p> <p><b>Elementary Algebra (15-20%)</b></p> <p><b>Intermediate Algebra (15-20%)</b></p> <p><b>Coordinate Geometry (15-20%)</b></p> <p><b>Plane Geometry (20-25%)</b></p> <p><b>Trigonometry (5-10%).</b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Math</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>concepts</b></p>	<p><b>Numbers and operations (20–25%)</b></p> <p><b>Algebra and functions (35–40%)</b></p> <p><b>Geometry and measurement (25–30%)</b></p> <p><b>Data analysis, statistics, and probability (10–15%)</b></p>

ACT	VS.	SAT
<p><b><u>English</u>: 75 problems in 45 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>36 seconds per English problem</b></p> <p><b><u>Math</u>: 60 problems in 60 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>60 seconds per math problem.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reading</u>: 40 problems in 35 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>52 seconds per reading problem.</b></p> <p><b><u>Science</u>: 40 questions in 35 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>52 seconds per science problem.</b></p> <p><b><u>Essay</u>: 40 minutes</b></p>	<p><b>Time per problem</b></p>	<p><b><u>Writing+Language</u>: 44 problems in 35 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>48 seconds per Writing+Language problem.</b></p> <p><b><u>Reading</u>: 52 problems in 65 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>75 seconds per reading problem</b></p> <p><b><u>Math</u>: 58 problems in 80 minutes.</b></p> <p><b>83 seconds per math problem.</b></p> <p><b><u>Essay</u>: 50 minutes</b></p>

# Prep Options

Khan Academy - FREE through college board.

\* Links PSAT results with personalized practice for SAT

Catalyst Bootcamp - PTO Sponsored/ Fundraiser (\$175)

SAT - Saturday Feb 25th & March 4th, 9am-1pm (both days)

ACT - Saturday March 18th & 25th , 9am-1pm (both days)

Other Prep agencies: C2 Education, Princeton Review & Kaplan  
(emails sent when these agencies have FREE prep opportunities)

Private tutoring: recommendations upon request

# Questions ??

**Thank you all for coming!!**

**We hope to see you at our next workshop:**

**Thursday, MARCH 30th**

**7:45am - 8:45am**

**“Naviance 101”**

**([RSVP required](#) to ensure enough computer space for all)**